GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2974
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Dredging at Ports
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether dredging is carried out throughout the year in major ports in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure incurred thereon during each of the last three years and the current year, port-wise;
(c) whether the ships were frequently grounded at certain ports particularly at Kolkata port even after round the year dredging;
(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
(e) the steps being taken by the Government to minimize the grounding of ships at major ports in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)&(b):Yes, Madam. Dredging is carried out by Major Ports as per their requirement. The detail of expenditure incurred by Major Ports during last three years and current year is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c)&(d):No, Madam. However, a few incidents of grounding are reported at Kolkata Port due to the narrow and meandering nature of the cross currents and due to sudden breakdown of ship's machinery.

(e) Regular hydrographical survey of the shipping channel is carried out to avoid any grounding due to sudden change in the depth. The pilots in the Major Ports are well trained and have been provided with modern electronic gadgets for precision navigation for minimizing the risk of grounding of ships.

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ANNEXURE Referred to in the Reply Given in Part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2974 for answer on 6th August, 2015.
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Expenditure incurred by Major Ports in dredging in last three years and the current year, port wise
Ports Expenditure incurred (In Crores)
2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16
(upto June 2015)
Kolkata Port Trust 405.43 425.21 483.79 116.75
Paradip Port Trust 37.70 82.02 106.31 16.05
Visakhapatnam Port trust 24.67 243.28 191.34 10.47
Kamarajar Port Limited 52.88 63.44 8.9 10.36
Chennai Port Trust 16.05 10.88 9.25 1.98
V. O. Chidambaranar Port Trust NIL NIL NIL NIL
Cochin Port Trust 110.96 137.90 135.44 46.36
New Mangalore Port Trust 50.94 44.85 51.53
Mormugao Port Trust 39.34 53.26 31.51 32.50
Mumbai Port Trust NIL 30.36 126.47 (The contract is for three years i.e. from 2014-15 to 2016-17)
Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust NIL NIL 53.79 ---
Kandla Port Trust 100.94 170.59 121.23 29.34
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